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Chief Executive, Clydebank District Council, Clydebank, G81 1G.

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Dear

We are writing in support of our sister group, Clydebank Women's Aid.

The provision of safe refuge accommodation is essential for victims of domestic violence and their children. As I am sure you are already aware, The Convention of Scottish Local Authorities' report on women and domestic violence recommends that a minimum of one refuge space per 7,500 of the population should be provided by Women's Aid groups.

To enable a local group to provide refuge accommodation, support and information for victims of domestic violence, adequate funding is essential.

We are concerned that another Women's Aid group is having funding difficulties and that women and children in Clydebank District may be deprived of the invaluable service provided by your local Women's Aid group.

Our group hopes that, with goodwill, consultation and liason between Women's Aid and yourselves, the problems can be resolved.

The loss of a single refuge space in any area means that vulnerable women and their children are at even greater risk. At a time of crisis and distress in their lives, abused families need to know that safe, supported accommodation is available. The Women's Aid network is the only organisation which deals exclusively with domestic violence and the wider issues connected with this crime.

We give our wholehearted support to Clydebank Women's Aid.

Yours sincerely,

Dunfermline Women's Aid Collective.

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